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NEWS RELEASE

WOMAN CHARGED WITH STEALING FROM NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Dakota County Attorney James Backstrom announced that Lisa Marie Blair, age 43 of Circle Pines, has been charged* with four counts each of Financial Exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult and Theft by Swindle (all felonies) in connection with funds she is alleged to have taken from two residents of a nursing home in South St. Paul where she was employed. Financial losses to the two vulnerable victims from March of 2009 to November of 2010 totaled: \$62,994.80. Most of these losses were in the form of checks written to Blair from the victims' checking accounts. College tuition costs of \$2,000 for Blair's child was also charged to one of the victim's credit cards in April of 2010.

For a copy of the criminal complaint, go to <http://services.co.dakota.mn.us/ComplaintSearch>. A mug shot may be viewed at <http://services.co.dakota.mn.us/InmateSearch> while in custody.

Blair posted bail in the amount of \$50,000 without conditions and \$10,000 with conditions as set by Judge Michael Mayer. Her first court appearance has not yet been scheduled.

If you have questions, contact James Backstrom at 651-438-4440.

**Criminal charges are not evidence of guilt. A defendant/suspect is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.*